

# Devotion: It's A Beautiful Thing

Matthew 26:6-13

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## INTRODUCTION

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## Scripture Reading

### **Matthew 26:6-13 NIV**

- <sup>6</sup> While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.
- <sup>8</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. <sup>9</sup> "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."
- <sup>10</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

## MAIN IDEA

As A Christian I'm Not Called to Programs

...Or Needs...

...Or Roles...

...But To Timely, Extravagant, Beautiful Devotion To Christ.

- Timely – When ministry opportunities are placed before us, that is the time to do something for Jesus. We don't need to know the why or what, we just need to do.
- Extravagant – As a Christian, I'm not called to a modest investment in the Lord's work. We are called to make a sacrifice in our giving to the Lord of our time, resources and life. It should cost us, because He gave His life for us.
- Beautiful – Can be esthetically (pretty and lovely) or ethically.
- Give God a sacrifice that shows how you treasure Jesus's dying for you.

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## **CONCLUSION:**

Every Sermon Should Have Something To

- ❖ I Learn/Know – People have different perceptions of things I do.
  
- ❖ I Believe – The death of Jesus is a big deal. I am by my nature so lost, that it took the death and resurrection of Jesus to rectify my brokenness and get forgiveness for me.
  
- ❖ I Seek To Do – Stop criticizing what other people do or don't do. And ask "What do I need to know about what's going on?"